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For Terms, &c., apply to the MANAGER

Hongkong, 2nd July, 1900. [16]

BURGUNDIES.

Sole Agents for GUICHARD, POTHERET & Co., &c.)

	1 doz.	1 doz.
	Bottles.	½ Bottles.
FRUITS	\$12.00	\$13.00
BEAUNE	12.00	13.00

OLNAY	15.00	21.00
OMMARD	23.00	—
CHAMBERTIN	27.00	—
LOS DE VAUGHAN	34.00	—

LOS DE VOUGEOT ...	40.00	—
ALIFIRMA ...	10.00	11.00
PARKLING RED ...	26.00	28.00

H. PRICE & Co.,
12, QUEEN'S ROAD.
Hongkong, 27th February, 1907. [20]



AQUARIUS.



SPARKLING MINERAL TABLE WATER.

Telephone
No. 75.

**TREBLE DISTILLED, THUS ENSURING
ABSOLUTE PURITY.**

Entirely free from all forms of organic contamination
and from Microbes..

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.,
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

Queen's Road,
Hongkong, 16th March, 1901. [15-]

NOTICE.	THE BRITISH NORTH BORNEO CO.
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REQUIREd by a First Class **MERCANTILE** **TILE** **HOUSE** in Hongkong, an experienced **Mn** of Business to act as **COMPTROLLER**. The Highest References required.

one need apply unless he is prepared to furnish Substantial Security in the Sum of \$100,000. Testimonials to be sent to the undersigned, from whom terms may be learnt. Appointment to be taken up as soon as possible.

Messrs. JOHNSON, STOKES
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.

and MASTER,
12, Queen's Road, Central.
Hongkong, 19th February, 1901. [207c

Agents.
Hongkong, 26th January, 1901. [124c

NOTICE.

ROBINSON TENDERS are hereby called for the
ERECTION OF BRICK SHOPS at
JESSELTON for the NORTH BORNEO GOVERN-
MENT, Particulars of which may be seen at
the Office of

PIANO CO., LIMITED.
Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 13th February, 1901. [2000

PIANOS. MISS M. MARQUES DA SILVA begs to notify that she undertakes to give LESSONS in PIANOFORTE to LADIES and

MONTHLY PAYMENT SYSTEM.
CHILDREN.
Terms very Moderate,
Enquiries by Letter, care of OFFICE of This
Paper.

Our Speciality,
INSTRUMENTS.

STRINGS.
MUSIC.

Grand stock, reduced to clear.
Hongkong, 23rd March, 1901. [26] and 3 to 7 P.M. at the Annex to THOMAS' GRILL ROOMS, Room No. 15, Second floor. Hongkong, 19th March, 1901. [342]

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Today's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

Mr. HENRY DALLAS' COMIC OPERA SEASON.

TO-NIGHT! LAST NIGHT OF THE "Belle of New York."

TO-MORROW (THURSDAY), AND ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NEXT, THE GREAT MUSICAL COMEDY,

"The French Maid,"

FROM TERRY'S THEATRE, LONDON.

MONDAY NEXT, FIRST TIME IN CHINA OF "THE GAY PARISIENNE."

FULL CHORUS. AUGMENTED ORCHESTRA.

PLAN at ROBINSON PIANO CO.

Doors Open 8.30. Commence 9 P.M.

A Late Train will run nightly during the visit.

BERTRAM HERMANN, Business Manager.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1901. [288c]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAICHING,"

Captain Hall, will be despatched for the above Ports, on FRIDAY, the 22nd instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAIRDALE & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1901. [346c]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

"YUENSANG,"

Captain Rolfe, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 25th instant, at Noon.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for First class Passengers, is fitted throughout with Electric Light and carries a Doctor.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1901. [347c]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, FIUME, PORT SAID, ADEN, COLOMBO, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"TRIESTE,"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

This Vessel brings Cargo—

From Venice, ex S.S. *Polzella* transhipped at Trieste.

From Levante, ex S.S. *Apollo* transhipped at Port Said.

Optional Cargo will be discharged here unless notice to the contrary be given immediately.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon, on the 26th instant, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 26th instant, will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SANDER, WIELER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1901. [320c]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Steamship

"CHINA,"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon, on the 26th instant, or they will not be recognized.

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Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SANDER, WIELER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1901. [296c]

Today's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on TUESDAY, the 26th March, at 11 A.M., at H.M. NAVAL YARD, SUNDRY NAVAL AND VICTUALLING, OBSOLETE AND CONDEMNED STORES.

Comprising:—
OLD IRON (including IRON TANKS and STEEL WIRE ROPE) PAPER STUFF, CANVAS RAGS.

Terms:—As Usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Government Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1901. [349c]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship

"ESMERALDA,"

Captain G. T. Blackland, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 27th instant, at 5 P.M.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for Passengers and is fitted with the Electric Light.

A Doctor is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1901. [348c]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE AND BOMBAY.

(In close connection with the Co.'s Accelerated Line to TRIESTE).

THE Company's Steamship

"MELPOMENE,"

Captain Matcovich, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd April, P.M.

For Information as to Passage and Freight, apply to

SANDER, WIELER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1901. [349c]

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship

"NIPPON MARU,"

are hereby notified that their Goods are at their risk being discharged into Lighters and/or landed into our Godowns at Wanchai and delivery may be had either from Lighters or from our Godowns upon countersignature of Bills of Lading.

Goods remaining unclaimed after the 27th instant, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

GEORGE ECKLEY, Actg. Agent.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1901. [7]

Notice of Firm.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

DURING MY ABSENCE from the Colony

Mr. GEORGE ECKLEY will take Charge of the Business of the above Companies as ACTING AGENT.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1901. [344c]

NOTICE.

THE HAMBURG AMERICA LINE.

HAMBURG, will establish their own OFFICE at HONGKONG, Queen's Building, on the 1st of APRIL.

The Undersigned have been appointed LOCAL MANAGERS.

HAMBURG AMERICA LINE, Hongkong Office.

K. OLDORP, Managers.

W. VON JANSON, Managers.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1901. [331c]

Insurance.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above

Company are prepared to accept First Class FOREIGN AND CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1899. [30c]

EYE-SIGHT.

Mr. N. LAZARUS, Oculist-Optician, of London and Calcutta, may be consulted for SPECTACLES at 16, Queen's Road Central.

(B. HOUGHTON & Co.)

(Nearly opposite the HONGKONG HOTEL). Business hours—9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

A GREAT proportion of cataracts and diseases affecting those advancing in life occur to those having some deficiency in the construction of the eyes—the many years of "Eye Strain" ending in serious forms of disease. Glasses specially adapted in youth to those requiring them save and preserve the sight.

Constantly recurring headaches, spells of dimness when reading, weak eyes, the letters running together; any of these symptoms indicate a deficiency in the form of the eye requiring Glasses only to correct and cure.

Mr. LAZARUS supplies his SPECTACLES only after testing the sight.

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A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

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SCOTCH WHISKY.

A.—THORNE'S BLEND, White Capsule \$10.80

B.—WATSON'S GLENMORICHY, MELLOW BLEND, Blue Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark 10.80

C.—WATSON'S ABELLOUR-GLENLIVET, Red Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark 12.00

D.—WATSON'S H.K.D., BLEND OF THE FINEST SCOTCH MALT WHISKIES, Violet Capsule 14.40

E.—WATSON'S VERY OLD LIQUEUR SCOTCH WHISKY, Gold Capsule 15.00

THORNE'S BLEND and WATSON'S GLENMORICHY are high class Soda Whiskies, of greater age than most brands in the market.

ABELLOUR-GLENLIVET is a very old Peat Whisky, (smoky) and could not now be replaced in stock at the price.

D. is well known for its fine flavour.

E. is of superb quality and pronounced by leading local connoisseurs to be the best brand in the Hongkong Market.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED, HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

DEATH.

At Worthing, Sussex, on the 3rd inst., JAMES LYALL, Esq., late of Singapore, age 66.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1901.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Russia in China.

Reuters telegram which we publish this evening states that all the English papers comment on the grave situation at Tientsin. What particular phase of the situation is the subject of comment is not stated in the telegram, and it is to be wished that Reuters were a little more explicit. The position at Tientsin, as our correspondent there has all through the time of our occupation of that city contended, seems to have been a matter of secondary importance with the British Government, who have been so engrossed with the South African affair. We are not aware of any sudden or fresh crisis as regards our position at Tientsin and in the north of China generally; we took quite a secondary part in the Northern trouble from quite the beginning of it, and when the Germans arrived on the scene, we took third place. As matters stand at present, China seems to be putting off and gaining time with the allies, whilst she tries to compromise matters with Russia, whom she evidently, and perhaps naturally, thinks has the greatest say in Far Eastern affairs, or at any rate, she sees very plainly that Russia is the Power which acts, and insists on due attention being paid to her demands. We can temporize, thinks China, with the other allies, but with Russia, we must act, or she will act for us, in fact she hardly makes a demand on us before she takes it quietly for granted that the demand is complied with. The Standard appears to have threatened Russia with the British fleet, but the fleet is not all in Chinese waters, and if it were, we do not suppose that Russia would risk a naval battle. There would be no need for it. At Tientsin and Peking, Russia will of course have the Allies to reckon with, but Germany declines to interfere in the Manchurian question.

But Russia now seems to be threatened with widespread disturbances at home, and it is possible that she will soon be as much hampered by the course of events there as we are with the South African war still hanging over us. The Powers, if we are to accept the statements in recent telegrams as reliable, are evidently determined to prevent Russia from disposing of Chinese affairs just as she pleases, and China should by this time know how much Russia's promises mean; and be only too ready to accept without delay the moderate demands made by the Allies. If she persists in dealing with Russia and trying to put off the Allies, she will only be hastening the eventual partition of the Empire, since to put China under the rule of the several European powers would then be the only possible way to stave off Russian encroachment.

It may be presumed that the internal troubles in Russia, if they are really serious, and likely to increase, will probably force her to either withdraw her more pretentious designs on China to enable her to attend to home affairs, or cause her to pursue her course of action in the Far East more vigorously, in order to provide a distraction and employment for her discontented millions in European Russia.

And Russia has much to gain and little to lose by a war, for she is on the verge of bankruptcy, and even if she were worsted in a struggle, would she be any worse off than she was after the Crimean war? And she was only defeated then for the time being, scotched but not killed, and has since accomplished all that the Crimean war was meant to put an end to. And if China deals with Russia, and is allowed to do so by the Allies, the former country will be slowly but surely absorbed by the latter, who will use China for her own purposes, and certainly with no more regard for the well-being of the Chinese than she has for that of her own nationals.

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LONDON, March 18th.

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Hongkong, 14th March, 1901.

LECTURE BY MR. WHITEHEAD.

THEATRE ROYAL.

and B.S. Sabine Hickmets. In Amoy on
the French cruiser Descartes, B.S. Glen-
ville, Wosung, Diamant, and Chanshan
also had their share of the prize.

SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board will be held on Thursday, 21st March, at 4.15 p.m.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Resignation of Mr. James McKie.
2. Minute by His Excellency relative to the provision of bath-houses for Chinese Coolies.
3. Report of Dr. Thomson on the presence of the larvae of the anopheles mosquitoes in the neighbourhood of the Cattle Depot at Kennedy Town.
4. A Report of the Deputy Superintendent of Police on the scavenging of the roads of Kowloon.
5. Reply from Government relative to the new Western Market.
6. Minute by the Medical Officer of Health concerning the question of the height of buildings in relation to the width of the streets on which they front.
7. Correspondence relative to the erection of a Cattle Crematorium at Kennedy Town.

AGENDA.

1. Analyses of public water supplies for the month of January.
10. Plans for the Victoria Hospital for women and children.
2. Lime-washing return for the fortnight ended March 18th, 1901.
3. A return of the Plague cases in the district of Tainan for the ten days ended February 21st, 1901.
4. Statements showing the number of Plague cases and deaths in Bombay City from 22nd January to 4th February, and from the 5th February to 18th February, 1901.
5. Removal of quarantine restrictions at Burma ports against arrivals from Hongkong.
6. Plague restrictions imposed in Burma against arrivals from Hongkong.
7. Weekly report of cases of Plague, deaths, and houses disinfected, in Manila.
8. Withdrawal of Venice Sanitary Regulations imposed in Madras against arrivals from Hongkong.
9. Venice Sanitary Regulations withdrawn at Calcutta and Chittagong against arrivals from Hongkong.
10. Telegrams from Shanghai relative to declaring Hongkong a Plague infected port.
11. Quarantine imposed against arrivals from Hongkong in Netherlands-India.
12. Statement giving the number of cases of and deaths from Cholera in Singapore.
13. Plague Return from Singapore for the week ended March 7th, 1901.
14. Telegram stating that no cases of Plague occurred in Singapore for the ten days ended March 17th, 1901.

SMALL-POX.

Number of cases reported up till noon of the 19th March, 1901	Chinese	21
	Other Asiatics	4
	Europeans	9
Number of cases reported during the past 24 hours	Chinese	1
	Other Asiatics	0
	Europeans	0

Total number of cases reported to date: 35

Number of deaths reported up till noon of the 19th March, 1901	Chinese	15
	Other Asiatics	2
	Europeans	2
Number of deaths reported during the past 24 hours	Chinese	1
	Other Asiatics	0
	Europeans	0

Total number of deaths recorded to date: 19

The following was issued as a *Gazette Extraordinary* yesterday—

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—NO. 169.

It is directed by His Excellency the Governor that public attention should be drawn to the fact that the disease of small-pox is prevalent in the Colony of Hongkong, and that all persons can be vaccinated free of cost at the Government Civil Hospital, Tung Wa Hospital, Alice Memorial Hospital and the Nether-shole Hospital.

By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 19th March, 1901.

TELEGRAMS.

(Via Ceylon.)

LONDON, March 20th.
The persistence of Col. Plumer's pursuit of the Boers and the rapidity of the combined movements rendered Dr. Wet's invasion of the Cape Colony abortive. The invaders' last stand was made on the 15th ultimo, and after that they behaved like harried hares and, once started, the commando melted away.

A large patrol from Piesburg has encountered a Boer Commando and captured a large quantity of their cattle. The British had eight wounded.

The Army Estimates include provision for two additional Indian Native Battalions for service in Singapore and Hongkong.

The *Times* comments on the absence of any hint in the Estimates as to soldiers' increase of pay and the strengthening of Artillery.

The accompanying memorandum assumes the maintenance of the force in South Africa at full strength during the first four months of the financial year and a gradual reduction hereafter.

In a Blue Book with regard to Coopers Hill College it is mentioned that pensions have been given to dismissed teachers.

The *Standard* says that the Blue Book on Coopers Hill disposes of the suggestion that the Professors were the victims of bureaucratic injustice. The necessity of remodelling the College was evident, the only alternatives being reform or its abolition.

The Canadian House of Commons has adopted, by 125 against 19, a resolution favouring the removal of references to Catholic Tenets from the Coronation Oath.

The Premier and the Opposition Leader have supported a resolution that a Royal Warrant be issued, facilitating the re-enlistment of ex-soldiers of good character.

The strike of dockers at Marseilles has paralysed business.

Many liners calling at Marseilles are owing to the strike, proceeding to Genoa, and other ports to unload. Others are leaving with the mails and passengers only.

LONDON, March 4th.
Reuter, wiring from Cologne on the 1st March, says that Siegn and Dr. Wet crossed the Orange River yesterday, at Lillfontein, near the destroyed Coleberg bridge, with 1,000 men. They were under the fire of eight Colonial Scouts who were well concealed, and who killed several of the enemy. The fire was not returned. Notwithstanding the height of the river and the strength of the current, the Boers got over eight carts. They abandoned five and many horses. A farmer at Lillfontein says that Siegn looked thoroughly miserable, and that the whole commando was desperately hungry.

The papers comment on Lord Kitchener's optimistic expression that Dr. Wet has been forced across the Orange River—double.

partially true, but much disappointment is felt at the failure to capture or destroy his commando. Meanwhile scattered bodies of the enemy are still in Cape Colony.

It is stated that Dr. Wet is demoralized, and in his fanaticism flings wholesale, and is alienating many of his followers.

The Plague at Cape Town is spreading. Five coloured corpses were found yesterday and the day before. Eleven more cases have taken place, including a European woman.

The case of Plague of a seaman on the transport at Sydney, mentioned in yesterday's telegram, proved to be Plague, and the man has died. Two cases have occurred near Brisbane.

Prince Radolin, the new German Ambassador at Paris, presented his credentials to President Loubet, and in doing so emphasized that his mission was to knit yet closer the good relations between France and Germany. President Loubet replied in equally cordial expressions.

The Pope has received Cardinals and Prelates on the occasion of his ninety-first birthday. His Holiness spoke at some length of the difficulties constantly hampering the activity of the Church, which only thought of the good of humanity.

The new fast cruiser the *Perseus* will replace the *Amazon* on the East India Station.

Disturbances took place at Marseilles to-day, owing to the strikers endeavouring to entice crews to join them. The British India steamer *Galathea* from London, sailed for India without landing her cargo for Marseilles.

LONDON, March 5th.
M. Delcassé, in the French Chamber, said France would not participate in any expedition in China without grave reason.

Japan, in warning China of the inexpediency of separate agreements with individual States irrespective of the rest, pointed out that persistence therein would lead as a logical sequence to other Powers demanding equivalent advantages.

Mr. Brodrick, in the House of Commons, said that General Gaselee was informed on the 10th January that proposals for a lodging allowance to Staff Officers in China would be considered.

The *Standard*, discussing last night's debate, says that Lord Lansdowne's indictment is one of the gravest.

The *Times* says that Lord Wolseley did not use his powers, which were ample, and that retrogression is impossible.

The *Morning Post* attacks Lord Lansdowne and urges a Military Secretary for War.

The *Daily News* says the Cabinet and the House of Commons might cease to exist if Lord Wolseley's claim to appeal to the country was granted.

The scene in the House of Lords last night was most strange. The House was crowded, and the galleries, filled with the deepest black, filled the galleries. Prominent members of the House of Commons, including Mr. St. John Brodrick and Mr. Chamberlain, stood on the steps of the Throne. The debate engrossed the conversation of members in the Lobby.

The debate in the House of Lords on the War Office administration was continued to-night.

Lords Northbrook, Chelmsford, and Drummond condemned Lord Lansdowne's attack on Lord Wolseley; and Lord Drummond asked Sir William Butler had not warned the Government that a hundred thousand men would be required for South Africa.

Lord Rosebery deprecated personalities, and suggested a secret Parliamentary Committee to enquire into the defences.

Lord Salisbury disclaimed any intention to attack Lord Wolseley. He pointed out that the Army was subject to Parliament, and we must make the best of the existing system.

Lord Wolseley asked the House of Lords to suspend judgment, and intimated that he would reply to Lord Lansdowne's strictures later on.

Lord Cranborne, in reply to a question in the House of Commons, said Arabi Pasha had not asked to return to Egypt, and that any request of the kind would be referred to the Egyptian Government.

The coal heavers have joined the dockers' strike at Marseilles.

A meeting of members of the House of Commons has appointed a deputation to urge Lord George Hamilton to re-enquire into the Coopers Hill case.

Mr. St. John Brodrick, in the House of Commons, said that it was not proposed to compensate time-expired men detained in India.

LONDON, March 6th.
The official programme states that the Duke and Duchess of York arrive at Colombo on the 12th April and leave on the 16th; and arrive at Singapore on the 21st April, and sail on the 23rd. The time-table allows for nearly a month in Canada.

Count von Buelow, in the Reichstag, replying to criticisms regarding the Emperor William's visit to England, declared it was purely human and non-political.

Sir Alfred Milner has arrived at Bloemfontein, and proceeded to the north accompanied by Lord Kitchener.

Rats have been found dying of Plague in Simonstown dockyard.

Owing to the excellent work of the Colonial Cyclists at the Cape, it has been decided to raise eight companies of Cyclist Volunteers in England for South Africa.

Senior Sagasta has formed a new Spanish Ministry, in which General Weyler is War Minister. The Cortes has been dissolved.

A Plague death has occurred at Perth, West Australia.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has cabled to Mr. Barton, the Premier of the Federal Parliament, regretting that it is impossible for Canada to send troops to the Federation Festivities.

Serious disturbances, got up by students, have taken place in St. Petersburg. The police charged them, and many were injured and 200 arrested.

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

MARCH.		
Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1899.		
Barometer	30.141	
Thermometer	57.3	
Humidity	79.9	
Rainfall	1.96	

TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT.		
	On date at 8 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.25	30.17
Thermometer	70	70
Humidity	66	66
Rainfall	—	—

TO-DAY.

Chinese 2nd of 2nd moon of 27th year of Kwang-su.		
Sun—Rises	6hr. 6min.	
Sets	6hr. 30min.	
Moon—In Equator 6hr. a.m.		
High water—Morning	10hr. 2min.	
Afternoon	6hr. 56min.	
Low water—Morning	3hr. 47min.	
Afternoon	3hr. 56min.	

ANNIVERSARIES.

- 1848—Governor Bonham landed in Hongkong.
1862—Mutiny on board the coolie ship *Robert Brown*. Captain and part of crew murdered.
1880—Terrible tragedy at Macao; Colonel Mosquito, after killing two members of his family and seriously injuring two others, commits suicide.
1896—The Borneo Coy's Rice Mills at Bangkok destroyed by fire.
1898—I.M. Customs took charge of likin stations throughout the jurisdiction of Victoria.
1899—U.S. Battleship *Oregon* arrived at Manila.
1900—The death of Sir William Lockwood in India, is announced.

TO-MORROW.

Thursday, 21st March, 1901.		
Chinese—2nd of 2nd moon of 27th year of Kwang-su.		
Sun—Rises	6hr. 5min.	
Sets	6hr. 30min.	
Moon—In Equator 6hr. a.m.		
High water—Morning	10hr. 2min.	
Afternoon	6hr. 56min.	
Low water—Morning	3hr. 47min.	
Afternoon	3hr. 56min.	

ANNIVERSARIES.

- 1834—The British ship *Sarah*, the first free trader, sailed from Whampoa.
1841—Chinese attack on the British fleet at Canton repelled.
1843—Scinde annexed to the British Empire.
1848—Abdication of the King of Bavaria.
1850—Kowloon ceded to the British.
1869—H.M.S. *Salamis* and H.M.S. *Opussum* left Hankow to explore the Yangtze.
1871—Princess Louise married.
1891—Loss of the steamship *Queen Elizabeth*.
1897—Formal blockade of Crete commenced.
1899—The West Australian Mining and Industrial Exhibition opened at Coolgardie.

AGENDA.

TO-DAY.

- 9 p.m.—The Dallas Company at the Theatre Royal.
Cargo ex *Rudenshire* subject to rent.

TO-MORROW.

- Noon—A. L. S. N. Co's steamer *Malpensa* leaves for Shanghai.
Noon—Austrian Lloyd's steamer *Trieste* leaves for Yokohama and Kobe.
2 p.m.—Royal Artillery Sports at the Happy Valley.
4 p.m.—I. C. S. N. steamer *Leongang* leaves for Manila.
Cargo ex *Hakata Maru* subject to rent.

FRIDAY, 22nd.

- Daylight—N. Y. K. steamer *Bingo Maru* leaves for Marseilles, London and Antwerp via Singapore etc.
Noon—N. Y. K. steamer *Yawata Maru* leaves for Japanese Ports.
Cargo ex *Chusan* subject to rent.

SATURDAY 23rd.

- Noon—Meeting of the Shareholders of the China and Manila Steamship Company Ltd. at their offices.
Cargo ex *Malpensa* subject to rent.

SUNDAY, 24th.

- Daylight—O. S. K. steamer *Maideuru Maru* leaves for Coast Ports.

MONDAY, 25th.

- Noon—M. M. Co's steamer *Annam* with mails etc. leaves for Europe.

TUESDAY, 26th.

- Noon—N. Y. K. steamer *Yamaguchi Maru* leaves for Japanese Ports.
Noon—Meeting of the Shareholders of the Hongkong Hotel Company Ltd. at the Company's Hotel.

WEDNESDAY, 27th.

- Daylight—O. S. K. steamer *Anping Maru* leaves for Coast Ports.
Noon—Meeting of the Shareholders of the China Sugar Refinery Company Ltd. at Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co's offices.
12.30 p.m.—Meeting of the Luzon Sugar Refinery Company Ltd. at Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co's offices.

THURSDAY, 28th.

- Noon—T. K. K. steamer *Nippon Maru* leaves for San Francisco via Shanghai, etc.

FRIDAY, 29th.

- 4 p.m.—N. Y. K. steamer *Rosetta Maru* leaves for Manila.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.		
French (<i>Oceanic</i>)	25th inst.	
Canadian (<i>Tartar</i>)	28th inst.	
Canadian (<i>Athenian</i>)	1st prox.	
American (<i>America Maru</i>)	12th prox.	

The C. C.'s steamer *Albion*, left Foochow for this port to-day, the 19th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 21st inst.

The steamer *Afridi*, from Europe and Straits left Singapore yesterday, the 19th inst., and is due here on or about Sunday, the 24th inst.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.		
G.M.S. <i>Hertha</i>	at Kowloon Dock.	
U.S.S. <i>Isle de Luzon</i>	"	
U.S.S. <i>Bennington</i>	"	
U.S.S. <i>Yorktown</i>	"	
H.M.S. <i>Aurora</i>	"	
G.M.S. <i>Jaguar</i>	"	
<i>Glengyle</i>	"	
<i>Lekin</i>	"	
U.S.S. <i>Concord</i>	Cosmopolitan	
<i>Miloi Colonies</i>	"	
<i>Slam</i>	Aberdeen	

PASSED THE CANAL.

- Outward—1st March—*Awa Maru*, *Benlidi*, *Saxonia*, *Kobe*. 5th March—*Strathford*, *Devbhishtra*, *Cymbeline*, *Fernand*, *Grosmont*, *Thyra*. 8th March—*Dagford*, *Shalk*, *Teressa*. 12th March—*Obi*, *Arnold*, *Luyken*, *Irena*. 15th Mar—*Benalder*, *Gisela*, *Inaba Maru*, *Socotra*, *Olyvier*, *Hillgren*.
Homeward—12th March—*Maria Valeria*, *Java*, *Polaris*, *Fernand*. 15th March—*Sachsen*.
Arrivals at Home—5th March—*Hamburg*. 13th Mar—*Laos*, *Verona*. 16th Mar—*Sambila*, *Strathford*.

STREAMERS EXPECTED.

Names.	From.	Due.
Yamaguchi Maru	Singapore	Mar. 22nd
Acanth	Singapore	Mar. 25th
Canton	Singapore	Mar. 25th
Konigsberg	Singapore	Mar. 25th
Tartar	Vancouver	Mar. 28th
Athenian	Vancouver	April 1st
America Maru	San Francisco	April 12th

We would direct the attention of shipping firms to the style in which "Steamers Expected" and "Project Sailing" are now published in these columns, and in so doing respectfully urge the managers of shipping firms to give orders to their clerks to furnish this office with the forms attached, and send them with the latest available information every day.

PROJECTED SAILINGS.

Ship.	Destination.	Date.
Agamemnon	London	April 23rd
Ajax	London	Mar. 30th
America Maru	San Francisco, &c.	April 23rd
Anping Maru	Foochow	Mar. 27th
Bamberg	Havre, &c.	April 8th
Banca	Marseilles, &c.	Mar. 21st
Bayer	Straits, &c.	July 25th
Bendloch	Japan	Mar. 21st
Bingo Maru	Marseilles, &c.	Mar. 22nd
Bombay	London	Mar. 27th
Canton	Shanghai, &c.	April 6th
China	San Francisco, &c.	May 25th
City of Peking	San Francisco, &c.	April 30th
Clavering	Victoria, B.C.	April 12th
Coptic	San Francisco, &c.	April 13th
Doric	San Francisco, &c.	June 1st
Emp. China	Vancouver, &c.	April 3rd
Emp. India	"	April 24th
Emp. Japan	"	May 15th
Esmeralda	Manila	Mar. 27th
Gaelic	San Francisco, &c.	May 7th
Glenogle	Victoria, B.C.	April 1st
Glyceric	New York	Ok. desp.
Hatching	Swatow, &c.	Mar. 22nd
Hamburg	Shanghai, &c.	June 13th
Hohow	Taiwan, &c.	Mar. 23rd
Hongkong Maru	San Francisco, &c.	May 16th
Nunan	Shanghai	Mar. 22nd
Idomeneus	London	April 16th
Kaifong	Cebu & Iloilo	Mar. 27th
Kiautschou	Straits, &c.	July 15th
König Albert	Straits, &c.	April 17th
Kwangse	Shanghai	Mar. 21st
Loongsang	Manila	Mar. 21st
Maiduru Maru	Tamsui	Mar. 24th
Marburg	Havre, &c.	Mar. 27th
Maragon	Bombay, &c.	Mar. 26th
Melpomene	Singapore, &c.	April 3rd
Nippon Maru	San Francisco, &c.	Mar. 28th
Olympia	Victoria, B.C.	April 26th
Platypus	Marseilles, &c.	Mar. 30th
Preussen	Straits, &c.	May 20th
Prinz Heinrich	Straits, &c.	May 15th
Prinzess Irene	Straits, &c.	May 1st
Queen Adelaide	Victoria, B.C.	Mar. 29th
Rosetta Maru	Sydney, &c.	Mar. 29th
Sachsen	Straits, &c.	June 27th
Savoia	Havre, &c.	April 4th
Sibiria	Havre, &c.	April 15th
Sobron	Marseilles, &c.	April 27th
Stentor	London	April 2nd
Strathgyle	San Diego, &c.	Mar. 30th
Stuttgart	Straits, &c.	April 3rd
Sungkiang	Amoy & Manila	Mar. 25th
Taiyuan	Port Darwin, &c.	April 9th
Tatulus	Liverpool	April 15th
Trieste	Yokohama & Kobe	Mar. 21st
Yamaguchi Maru	Moji, &c.	Mar. 26th
Yawata Maru	Japan	Mar. 22nd
Yucasang	Manila	Mar. 25th

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